

Claim Amendments

Current Status of all Claims:

Claims 1-20 (canceled)

Claims 21 (new) formerly independent Claim 15.

Claims 22 (new) formerly dependent Claim 16.

Claims 23 (new) formerly dependent Claim 17.

Claims 24 (new) formerly dependent Claim 18.

Claims 25 (new) formerly dependent Claim 19.

Claims 26 (new) formerly dependent Claim 20.

Claims 27 (new) formerly dependent Claim 3.

Claims 28 (new) formerly dependent Claim 8.

Amended Claims

21. (new): A device defining a mop for cleaning floors, comprising:
- a) a longitudinal elongated handle having a distal end for attaching a mop element;
 - b) said mop element comprising a plurality of absorbent mop strands;
 - c) a wringing member having a hollow body disposed slidably along said handle and over said mop element, said wringing member comprising a first obstructing means for engaging and confining said mop strands at terminal ends thereof, thereby preventing slippage of said mop strands from said obstructing means upon a rotation of said wringing member with respect to said handle; and
 - d) a tubular member having a second obstructing means mounted on the interior wall surface of said tubular member for relative rotation with said wringing member, thereby wringing moisture from mop strands of said mop.
22. (New): The device of claim 21, wherein said first obstructing means defining a plurality of longitudinal walls protruding from the interior surface of said wringing member, with said wringing member being slidable to a position whereby said mop strands are wrung while being held captive at terminal ends thereof in a passageway defined by said walls upon a rotation of said wringing member with respect to said handle.
23. (New): The device of claim 21, wherein said second obstructing means defining a plurality of walls protruding from the interior wall surface of said tubular member to engage said mop strands enclosed in said tubular member, with said walls being aligned substantially parallel to the longitudinal axis of said handle.

24. (New): The device of claim 22, wherein said mop strands includes a means at terminal ends thereof to prevent slippage of said mop strands passing by said walls in said wringing member.
25. (new): The device of claim 22, wherein said wringing member includes a plurality of walls in irregular shape for entrapment of said mop strands.
26. (New): The device of claim 21, wherein said wringing member includes a circular track adapted for rotation of said tubular member in said track.
27. (New): The device of claim 21, wherein said mop comprises a means for releasably attaching said wringing member on said handle.
28. (new): The device of claim 21, wherein said mop includes a scrubber depending from a distal end of said wringing member.

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